

II. REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 10-12, 15-17, 19-26, and 65 were pending in the case at the time of the Office Action. Claims 1-9, 13-14, 18, and 21-73 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 17 and 20 have been amended to omit reference to non-elected sequences. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 10-12, 15-17, and 19-20 are currently pending in the case.

B. Remarks

According to the Office Action dated March 1, 2007, the claims would be passed to issue if they were amended to omit non-elected subject matter. Applicants note that the claims have been amended to omit reference to non-elected sequences, and that each of the withdrawn claims has been canceled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. No new considerations are raised in this response. Therefore, each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance.

C. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-5639 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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